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St. James's, April 24.

AN humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Juſtices, Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, and other the Inhabitants of His Majeſty's Corporation of Berwick upon Tweed, was preſented to His Majeſty, upon the Proclamation of the War againſt Spain, by Grey Neville and John Barrington, Eſqs; Repreſentatives in Parliament for that Borough, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Roxburghe, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State; which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly, and they had the Honour to kiſs His Majeſty's Hand.

An humble Addreſs of his Grace John Duke of Atholl Lord-Lieutenant, the Deputy-Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, Freeholders, and other Gentlemen of the County of Perth, has been preſented to His Majeſty by the Right Honourable the Lord James Murray, Repreſentative in Parliament of the ſaid County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Roxburghe, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

The following Addreſſes having been tranſmitted by his Grace the Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, have been preſented to His Majeſty by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Eſq; one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

An humble Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Grand Jury and Gentlemen of the County of Downe, at an Aſſizes held for the ſaid County in Down Patrick, the 21ſt of March 1718.

An humble Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Gentlemen Freeholders of the County of Antrim, at an Aſſizes held at Carrickfergus the 26th of March 1719.

An humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Grand Jury and Commonalty of the Corporation of Carrickfergus, the 26th of March 1719.

Which Addreſſes His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Admiralty-Office, April 20.

Extracts of Accounts received from Captain Gordon Commander of His Majeſty's Ship the Pearl, and Captain Brand of His Majeſty's Ship the Lyme, dated at Virginia in February 1718--19.

There being Advice that one Thach, alias Black-Beard, had, ſince his pretended Acceptance of His Majeſty's Gracious Pardon, committed ſeveral Pyracies, and ſome in the adjacent Colony of North Carolina, where the Ships of War could not come to attack him with his Crew, Captain Gordon and Captain Brand conſulted with Collonel Spotſwood, Governour of Virginia, and Manned out Two Sloops from the Ships under their Command, which were ſent in Queſt of the aforeſaid Pirates, one of them under Lieutenant Maynard of the Pearl, and the other under a Midſhipman belonging to the Lyme. On the 22d of November they had Sight of the Pyrates Sloops on the Coaſt of North-Carolina, and row'd up to them, when Thach himſelf hailed them, and asked from whence they came, and who they were; to which he was anſwered, that he might ſee to whom they belonged by their Colours: Whereupon he drank Damnation to them, and ſaid, that he would neither take nor give Quarter; to which they anſwered, that they did not expect, nor would give any; upon which he fired upon them with Four three Pounders, and Four Swivel Guns, loaded with ſmall Shot, which he brought to bear on them on one Side, the Sloops which were fitted out againſt him having no other than ſmall Arms. The Fire continued between them for the Space of an Hour, in which Time he killed or wounded great Part of the Sloops Companies; but at length they clapp'd him on board with both Sloops, and behaving themſelves gallantly, killed Thach himſelf, and Nine of his Men, and took Nine others Priſoners, who were moſt of them wounded. After the Action was over, Lieutenant Maynard ordered Thach's Head to be cut off, which he hung under the Boltſprit of his Sloop, and carried it in that manner to Virginia, where thoſe Pyrates who had been taken were hanged.

Lisbon, April 11, N. S. On the 5th Inſtant one of the Tranſports which ſailed with the Spaniſh Fleet from Cadiz, came into this Port, as did the next Day another with French Colours, which the Maſter ſays was forced into the Service at Cadiz; and on the 8th arrived two more. The two firſt are of about 200 Tun each, and the other two of about 140 Tun each. All the four have not above 300 Soldiers and 54 Horſes on board, one of them having thrown over-board all the Horſes that were imbarked in her, and all of them threw over-board their Guns, Casks of Water, and Proviſions; yet they received no Damage in their Maſts or Rigging, except one of them whoſe Main-maſt is ſplit, the Maſter of which named Richard Spartman, an Engliſhman of Buſſelton near Southampton, reports, that being Mate to one Martin a Quaker, and made Priſoner at Cadiz with his Maſter, the Day before that Fleet ſailed he was carried on board and kept cloſe confined 24 Hours, and then they gave him Charge of the Ship as Maſter. He further ſays, that they ſailed from Cadiz the 23d of February, O. S. and ſteered Weſt South Weſt to the Latitude of 34 Degrees 50′, and then changed their Courſe till they were 130 Leagues Weſt of Cape St. Vincent, when they ſtood for Cape Finiſterre: That the 18th of laſt Month, O. S. about One in the Morning, being then about 50 Leagues Weſt of Cape Finiſterre, they met with a violent Storm which laſted 48 Hours, and 24 Hours after he ſaw the Commadore carrying 64 Braſs Guns, which had loſt all her Maſts, and thrown over-board the Guns of her Upper and Quarter-Deck, ſteering South Weſt, being then about 80 Leagues to the Weſt from Cape Finiſterre, in the Latitude of 42 Degrees 30′. When they came from Cadiz they were in Number 29 Sail (of which a Sloop and another Veſſel went for the Weſt Indies): Beſides the Commadore, they had another Man of War, and a French Ship, of 50 Guns each, the Greyhound (now called the Andaluſia) of 20 Guns, and the Ferret: All the Ships carried Soldiers; the whole Number of Soldiers was about 5000.

Hague, April 28. On the 26th Inſtant Prince Kurakin in a Conference with the Deputies of the States General, preſented two Memorials; the one to renew a Declaration he made in the Czar's Name ſome Months ago, that if the Swedes could not be brought to allow a free Commerce to the Ports of Livonia and Ingria, his Czariſh Majeſty ſhould be obliged on his Side to ſieze all neutral Ships that he ſhould find trading to the Kingdom of Sweden: The other is to acquaint the States with the Czar's Pretenſions on the Dutchy of Courland, and the Concert he had made with the King of Pruſſia, for ſettling the Succeſſion of it on the Markgrave of Brandenburg-Swet, in Conſideration of his Marriage with the Dutcheſs Dowager of that Province. On the 19th Inſtant the